

## Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., March 26, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, March 26, 1834.

*Dear Andrew,* I have just received the inclosed letter this morning. I send it to you for the sole purpose of bringing to your view the loss of one bale of cotton, and might have been more, if Col White had not been an honest man. you ought to have entered on your cotton Book the nos. marks and weights on every Bale of cotton as you weighed and marked them, and when delivered on board the Boat took duplicate receipts, one on the Book the other to have sent to Col White, the commission merchant who was to receive and account for the cotton. You write me that sixty three Bales where shipped. you had written me before that you had sixty four bales ready which would be shipped in a few days, and I was surprised when I recd. your letter that but 63 Bales had been sent to markt when in the letter inclosed Mr White says he has recd. 64, just the number you first wrote me, and I inclose you the letter for you to keep on file for a settlement when sold. I think the conduct of the owner of the Steam Boat was highly reprehensible, and ought to be made to pay all excess for drayage that was occasioned by his landing the cotton at an improper warf. I would like to be informed how the Messhrs. Dick, has had any thing to do with the proceeds. They are men I have nothing to do with, have no confidence in, and admonish you to have no transanctions with, of any kind. I have no confidence either in their private, or political honesty, and do you be careful. I am fearful you have been dealing too loosely with Mr. Hill, and until I see a copy of your obligation to him I cannot incumber myself in any loose business with him or any other person. I have told you to deal with him with care and have all things in writing—is it possible you have given Mr. Dick, a power to

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receive the proceeds of our crop. I have said to Col White to remit the amount of sales to the Messhrs. Nichols, Nashvill unless he produces your written order to pay to Mr. Dick. I do hope you will attend to my admonitions and do your business as you ought, and send me the real contract you have made with Mr. Hill and on what day the payments are to be made. I have heretofore said to you that Mr. Hill is a keen mony making man, and to have your contract plainly reduced to writing, then it can be understood, and tell me how this man Mr. Dick has any thing to do with the proceeds of our cotton. I have had much writing on this subject, and uneasiness. Charles is a little better, my own health is not good. Kiss my dear sarah and my sweet little Rachel for me, and believe me

affectionately yours.

my son on all times and on all occasions state to your father things just as they are.

P.S. from Mr. Whites letter, and yours last recd. I can make out a pro[ba]ble and fair amount of the proceeds of our cotton and when I receive yr answer will remit.